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"By the red deaths we have suffered,
By the fiery paths we trod,
By the lives we gave All
Lives to save—
We call you back to God.

"We call you from your trifling
With the petty things of life;
We cry aloud for a new world
vowed
To world-redeeming strife."

—John Oxenham.

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A Missionary Builds His Own Home

By John Gordiuk
(*Poland*)

Mlynow, Poland.

Dear and Beloved Friends in the Lord:—

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you!"

In my previous letter I mentioned some work, which now takes very much of my personal time. It is the building of my own house in the town. The need of that we have suffered for several years, but now the Lord has given us the possibility to start the work. The Lord helped us to lay down the foundation and gave us strength and means to finish the walls. Now the roof is necessary before winter sets in, and we present this great need to our dear Lord, Who has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." And so I would ask all our dear friends to stay with us in prayer that He may help us to make a roof over the house before winter. "He is able."

I was at the spiritual conference in Horodyszcze. Many of God's children were present there and the Lord gave us His blessing. Satan is very busy making division between God's children, especially by those who would be leaders. They use unscriptural methods in doing their destructive work. It is sad to see many fine, simple children of the Lord who were misled by them.

We were recently visited by the English Brother Thomson, and we had a blessed meeting and pleasing fellowship with him. Last week our young people and my wife and myself were visiting Radziwillow and some places near that town. Prof. Martcinkovsky and his wife were there on their way to Palestine and for a few days ministered in that vicinity with God's Word. There were baptisms in two places: Pereniatyr (27 souls) and Iweszczuki (11 souls). I was present in the second place. Praise the Lord, Who has added to the Church those who should be saved.

You know that in Poland the law forbids any group to have a meeting in the open air, and so for us it is possible to have them only at times of baptism and funerals. Many people who would not come to the meetings in our hall come freely to "look at the Stundist ceremonies" and thus hear the Word of God.

On June 22 last we had a conference of the workers of the independent church, where with God's guidance we were discussing problems in present-day church life. From the time of the Russian Easter there has been no rain here, and the great drought spoiled much vegetation, but now the rains have begun to fall and on my way home I was very wet. Praise the Lord for His blessing on the thirsty land, as well as for the thirsty souls!

We pray before the Throne of Grace for all of you, that His almighty hand may keep every one of you on his way, that we may meet all around His throne in the glorious eternity. We ask you to continue your prayers for the Lord's work here, and may He Himself reward you all for your fellowship in that work. We greet you all in His precious name.

Yours in His service.

John Gordiuk and Family in front of New Home.

November 4.

EXCUSE me, please, that I did not write you last month anything. I was so busy

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103:2

Dear Friends in the Lord:

and it was hard for me to do, but I am not hereby justified. I believe that you remembered about me before the throne of grace and will do that in future.

Now it is time in our country for thanksgiving for harvest. In many places believers did that in different time. On September 19 I was at the "feast of Harvest" in the village of Stawok. A few hundred people were present there. The Lord sent us much blessing. On September 26-27 I was at the spiritual conference in village Wycholk. The prayer hall was too small to hold all the people gathered there, so we had our meeting in the garden. In that Church the Sunday School is standing at a high level. One meeting was especially for young people and the Sunday School children showed what children can testify about their Lord.

On October 10 three souls were baptized near our hall. Many people were present there. The Polish law permits us to hold meetings in the open air in two cases only, at baptism and funeral, so we wish to use every possibility for preaching the Word to people. On October 16-17 we had our annual conference in Mlynow. Very many people from different places were present there and the Lord sent us a very blessed time. The motto of our conference this year was "Eben — Ezer". It is good always to remember all things that the Lord has done for us.

On October 28 I was in the village of Iwashchuki. Brethren there asked me to help them in very important church matters. I had a very hard time there, but the Lord gave us victory. On November I visited the village of Malow, an annual young people meeting and feast of harvest. I met many old friends and had sweet fellowship with those who were led to Christ by my service there about twelve years ago.

Beside spiritual work I have had many things to do in my new house, but praise the Lord. He gave us a good weather, strength and means for that. Now we need especially a stove in one room and second window frames for the winter time. All that will cost about $20. We pray to our merciful Lord, that He may send us that which is very necessary. We thank very heartily those friends who helped us by their prayers and means. May the Lord reward them, according to His promises in His eternal glory. We ask you to remember us before the throne of grace in the future.

I ask you to pray about the Lord's work here. The field is very great, but the labourers are few. My family and I greet you all in the Name of our Precious Lord and Saviour. May He bless you all! Yours in His service.

Mlynow, Poland, Dec. 21.

Dear and Beloved Friends in the Lord:—

"Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making request with joy for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now!"

Excuse me, please, that I have no opportunity to write my letters more regularly. The time is passing so quickly that I am wondering how we are finding ourselves at the end of this year 1937. Surely we are living at the last times; so many signs show that now. We are happy to know that we are one step nearer to the glorious day of the Lord's coming. Praise Him! This past year He tried us, strengthened, taught, helped and blessed so much that I cannot express my whole gratitude to Him. I can only say with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!"

Now I want to explain to you my present work. Our congregation consists of a little more than a hundred members. They are living in eight villages around the town of Mlynow, where we have our hall for the meetings. In this hall we have Sunday meetings as follows: Sunday school, 9 to 11; worship and Gospel meeting, 11 to 1:30; young people's meeting, 2 to 4; Bible reading or Bible hour, 6 to 7:30. Thursday night is prayer meeting and Saturday night another Gospel meeting.

Because many believers cannot come to the meetings at the hall at night, they gather in some of the villages on other days of the week for Bible readings, and I walk to these meetings every night to help them. For instance, on Mondays we have meetings in the village of Beregi, 4 kilometers from us. Tuesdays, in Mlynow, where we live. Wednesdays, in Mzyniec, 6 kilometers, and Fridays, in Pekalow, 4 kilometers. So you see, my time now at nights is wholly ocupied and I need special strength to continue that work.

The only brother who was helping me in this continuous meeting schedule is intending to immigrate to South America. So I ask you to pray for the Lord's work here, that it may not suffer, humanly speaking, from the lack of workers. Pray that the local authorities may not interrupt us. They do not permit meetings in private houses. Pray that unbelievers who are visiting our meetings may find their Saviour by His precious Word. Pray that the Prince of Peace may send peace to Europe and especially to Poland. All are arming themselves very rapidly for war.

I received just now a letter from you with the check. Thank you very much for your interest in my work on the Lord's field. I thank these dear friends who have helped me in the building of my own little house. May the Lord reward you all in His glory!

I note your interest in the construction of my house. Well, I wish to explain to you about the building, but I am not sure if I can make you understand. Those "brick" which show on the side walls are made from straight rye straw. For that purpose the rye is threshed with a flail. Then the straw is saturated with clay in a pit and the "bricks" are made by hand on a wooden board and laid on the foundation while they are still wet. If the weather is dry, they will dry very quickly, but if the rain should fall then the work must stop, for it will wash out the clay.

Inside I cover the walls with clay and sand. It would be better, of course, to cover them with lime and sand, but it costs much more. The walls outside are left uncovered, as you see them, but they must be covered by the second or third year with lime and sand if they are to be permanent.

The roof I have covered with tiles. For the floor I put on a layer of clay and rammed it down hard. It is cold and damp and does not keep very well. For instance, the worms make holes in such a floor and creep out. But to make a wooden floor we do not have the means. It would cost about $80 to make such a floor for our small house, and besides that we have many things to do in the house which are more important. Pray that the Lord may help us.

Today At Mount Carmel

As Seen by Prof. V. Marcinkovski

(Translated from the Russian by Catherine Ivanovski)

MOUNT CARMEL, on which nearly three thousand years ago "the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice," in answer to the prayer of Elijah, is in the northern part of Palestine, in Galilee. It is elevated above the city of Haifa, which is located near the Mediterranean and has a fine harbor.

On Sundays now meetings are held in the open air on this mountain. The leader is an elderly man, who in past years was preaching in China. This missionary is living on the mountain. The meetings are very elevating and solemn, and are followed by prayers and the singing of hymns.

The place of this weekly gathering is extraordinary in its beauty of scenery. It is located on a stony terrace, built not long ago by the sister of General Allenby, in memory of the English soldiers who fell during the time of the siege of Palestine. This terrace is located near the road at the edge of a precipice. In the background a chain of mountains is to be seen, covered with pine trees. Below is stretched the city of Haifa, and behind the city is the Mediterranean, blue in color, reaching to the horizon.

There on the shore vessels are landing from all parts of the earth, and one can see the smoke from their stacks. Even the Russian boats are coming now from the city of Odessa. To the right is a plain, through the surface of which is winding the River Kisson like a silver ribbon, the same river near which the Prophet Elijah gave the order to kill the men who served the idols of Baal. It was here that the fire fell from heaven on his sacrifice. Thus he affirmed faith in the one God. "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said: The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God!"

On this plane are to be seen the newly built Jewish colonies, living testimony to the truthfulness of the Scripture, because the people of Israel, after two thousand years of being scattered abroad, are returning to the Promised Land according to the prophecy of the Word of God.

Further, behind the plain of Kisson, are seen in a bluish haze the mountains of Nazareth, of Transjordania and of Syria. Beyond these mountains is a plain, and then another large plain, and behind that is located Armageddon, the place in which the last battle will be fought, according to the description given in the book of Revelation.

The road leading to Armageddon from the port of Haifa at present has a very significant name, being called "The Road of the Kings." The question arises, Are they not the "Kings of the earth" from the whole world, who must be gathered "for the warfare in that day of the Lord Almighty"?

Truly a very majestic panorama is open before us. And the preaching of the Gospel, as well as the singing, heard from this terrace deeply impress one as it is all being sent out from here, from the Holy Land, to all the world.

The old Missionary is of tall stature, his face is of fine complexion; he has long gray hair and beard, and he is proclaiming in a loud, clear voice in English the fundamental

Tiberias In Palestine Today
Where Jews, Arabs and Russians throng the streets.

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principles of the Word of God.

He is praying for the nations and for the governments. He speaks about the truthfulness of all the prophecies of the Bible, how they are being fulfilled, each in its own time, — among others, about the return of Israel to Palestine, which is being fulfilled right here before our eyes. He is inviting people to become ready for the soon coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "I feel as if I hear the noise of the chariots coming down from heaven!"

Often times he illustrates his speech with examples and illustrations. Here is one: An unbeliever, an atheist, carefully read the Gospel, and said to his wife: "If this Book is true, then we are mistaken in our unbelief." After having read the Book the second time, he said

to his wife: "If this Book stands true, then you and I are people who are lost." By and by thoughts new to him began to rise in his mind; thoughts about sin and the necessity of repentance began to work in his soul. So he began to read the Holy Book for the third time. And now, with great joy, he declared to his wife: "Wife, if this Book tells the truth, we are saved people!"

Another example: A young man received the sentence of death for his criminal misdeeds. Now he is standing near the gallows. The Count, ruler of that land, approached him and said: "What is your last desire?" "Give me a glass of water," said the young man. The water was brought and he took it in his hand, trembling from fear and excitement. "Why are you trembling so? Drink quietly. You will not be executed until you drink the water," said the count.

The condemned one instantly poured the water on the ground. The Count was perplexed, but he must remain true to his own word. And so he gives the order to free this young man who was to have been put to death. Pardon was declared for him. What a joy it is to be forgiven, to be pardoned, to be saved from destruction! And this gladness is given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, who redeemed us by his own death on the cross of Calvary. And as the earthly ruler is holding to his word, will not the Lord Himself fulfill His promise?

The old evangelist closes his message with the singing of a hymn. Along the road are passing Jews and Arabs. Some of them are stopping at the place where the meetings are held, being attracted by the singing. Look! There are passing several Arabian boys. They are having a jolly time, yelling and throwing up their shawls. They are dancing on their way. But, lo, nearing our meeting place, they become silent. There, they quiety turn the corner and are gone.

The meeting is being closed with a prayer of thanksgiving. We are praying that the Holy Land may become holy indeed in the very actions of the people, that all the inhabitants should exalt the Holy Land through their own lives, giving glory to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ, Who in the days of His earthly ministry was walking upon the face of this earth that the Jews should be willing to return not only to Palestine, but also to the Living God and to Messiah.

One Sunday they gave me an opportunity to say a word about my experiences in prison in Moscow and about the sufferings of the believers in the SSSR. The people's interest in Russia, due to her spiritual conflicts, attracted quite a number of listeners. I spoke about the unrest which is taking hold in this world, and about the great testing which is going to fall upon the whole earth.

Who is going to be able to withstand this spiritual battle? Yet some day out of the dark prison walls and from among those faraway Siberian exiles, who now have the true experience of martyrs and faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus, will come those who are to say:—

"Salvation to our God who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

"These are they which came out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Finally we also prayed for Russia, for all the Christians of our home land, who are suffering there for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The sun was already going down behind the mountain peaks of the Karmel Mountains, and the shadows of the evening fell upon the landscape before us.

The mountains and hills and all that liveth upon them were silently praising the Creator: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory."—Isaiah 6:3.

We sang hymns of praise to the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is this Eternal Light, glory be to Him, in the very same land where He lived, suffered and died and rose again, and where He will come again, and that in the clouds of His glory.

News From The Jaffa Clinic

DR. EWKE'S INTERESTING REPORT

Hag 2: 18,19
The Jewish ninth month is equal to our twelfth month. See also John 10:12

THANK you heartily for your letter of November 12th. We have a great joy to see our clinic being equipped with needed furniture and instruments. As I wrote you in my last letter, we were obliged to pay the rent for half a year in advance, and it is specified that the balance for the year must be made in two equal payments once each three months, in advance each time. I hope the friends will see to it that there is no lapse in this necessity.

Now we have to spend the sum of $90 for furniture, instruments, etc. We bought a small medical cupboard for the doctor's room, a small glass table for minor operations, other tables, a set of surgical instruments, chairs, etc. We greatly need another cupboard for the dressing room, and during the next days we shall have to supply the necessary remedies which we must have at once in our clinic, at least for the beginning.

All this will enable us to treat the patients for the first time, but it is still not at all

sufficient. We need more instruments, furniture, chairs, benches for the meetings in the clinic, sheets, towels, etc. Besides this, we ought to be in contact with a larger city pharmacy, where the prescribed treatments in our clinic may be gotten by the poor patients free of charge. To supply the remedy needs, I think we shall want in the beginning approximately $15 to $20 monthly to pay to this pharmacy, with a certain reduction.

The population of the district where the clinic is located appear to take a great interest in it, and we believe that the clinical work, joined with our personal intimate testimony

The Clinic's Official Stamp

to the Gospel will bring from the poor sick souls fruit at the proper time for His glory. Many Jews of Tel-Aviv who are attending our central preaching hall, "Pennel," are asking for the clinic. As I have written, "Pennel" is located at the opposite side of the city from the clinic.

Praise the Lord, all our meetings are well attended. Recently, Prof. Martcinkovski came to us from Haifa and held a series of lectures on different themes, as "Christ and the Jews" and "When all we will be brethren." Besides

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the evangelization meetings, we have two Bible classes, one of them especially for those Jews who, like the ones of Berea (Acts 17:10, 11) received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures."

On last Saturday, I began a series of lectures for the Jewish youth, the first lecture on the theme, "Suicide and Christ" Let me say that the Jewish press is daily telling of suicides committed in Tel-Aviv as a consequence of the depression and crisis which overwhelms a large number of the population of that city.

We printed leaflets concerning the lecture and distributed them on the eve of the lecture on the streets of Tel-Aviv among the passers by. The next day the hall was filled by visitors, who listened to the message very attentively.

I was informed by Prof. Martcinkovski that the next week he is going us to Jerusalem for evangelization work for ten days. He asks for prayers. The situation in Palestine is now much more quiet than it was recently, for the Government has fixed a "war code." Please remember us in your prayers.

I am enclosing a picture of natives of Palestine. The "Immen Jews," among whom we shall work, are like them. Their clothes, as you can see, differ not much from those inhabitants of the Holy Land who lived at the time of Christ. I hope you can use this picture in "The European Harvest Field" to show the readers.

Prof. Martcinkovski's Word

Mt. Carmel, Dec. 8th.

Dr. James Ewke is now happy to be in Jaffa, and owing to your kind support he is able to work there for the Lord. In these days my wife and I were in Jaffa, and there several lectures and Bible talks were arranged for the Jews. We saw the flat secured for Dr. Ewke's clinics. The place is very suitable, and in the poorest center. We prayed there together with a little group of believers, Russians and Jews, that God may bless this undertaking and use it for His glory.

LATEST NEWS BY AIR MAIL

Jaffa, Palestine,
December 27, 1937
(Via Air Mail)

Dear Brother Smith:—

Thank you for your kind letter of December 8th. I was very happy in reading your letter and learning that you are interested in the work in the Holy Land. I am sure you would have been still more interested if you could have been here and personally seen the work.

Sometimes it seems to me as though the Lord had purposely gathered in this day His people from all countries of the world to Palestine, to reveal there again His everlasting love and to give them once more the chance for salvation before there will come the time of punishment.

Here you can find the Jews from Russia (and they are the great majority), from Germany, Austria, France, Greece, the Baltic States, etc. They speak now in the Hebrew language —the language of the prophets and the Bible. It is a very expressive and rich language, and it is wonderful that it now comes to be the language of the University (in Jerusalem), the language of commerce and in the markets and shops. Every where you hear Hebrew spoken, and in Tel-Aviv on the street crossings the policemen are explaining the way to passers by in Biblical language. And, what is more remarkable still, the Gospel is now being preached in the Holy Land in Hebrew as in the time of the Apostles.

I am now studying Hebrew myself very diligently, for the patients who come to the Clinic speak and explain their needs and pains and ask for aid and treatment in Hebrew.

Can you imagine what it means? It almost seems to me that Christ Himself is standing invisibly among these sick people as in the time when He was on the earth, and wanting to heal both their bodies and souls. It may be that in the same words as you will hear in the clinic now they were speaking to Christ and telling Him of their diseases and asking for His healing touch.

They are coming to our clinic with wounds uncleansed and eyes in suppuration, and sick with different other diseases, as bronchitis, pneumonia, etc. This morning there came a boy of eleven years old bringing with him two other children of two and seven years, all with diseased and bleared eyes and one of them with a terrible wound on his foot. The mother could not accompany them and so they came without her. The youngster cried when I treated him and the elder began to comfort him, convincing him he ought not to cry for it will soon be all right.

You would be deeply touched by seeing how many people in this country are sick with eye diseases, especially in the district of the "Immen Jews," where our clinic is located and where we are working hard every day. You can see at every step on the street children almost blind with suppurating eyes thickly covered with flies. The little ones do not even try to drive them away .

Oh! dear Readers of "The European Harvest Field," I appeal to you in the name of Jesus Christ by Whom we are saved! Won't you help these poor, miserable children and the adults as well? Will you not enable us to fulfill the Word of God? "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them: The Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you," or "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and he saw him, he had *compassion* on him, and he went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." — Luke 10:33-34.

We need for the patients of our Clinic *urgently* treatments, for they are not able to supply any remedies—we need at least $5 weekly, or $25 monthly, only for remedies to give out freely to those in greatest need.

Beside this, we need still more furniture, cupboards, seats, etc. For we plan, as I have written in my former reports, to hold meetings on the premises of the Clinic for our patients, their relatives and neighbors. We need your prayers. Do not forget to remember us before the Throne of Grace. With the season's greetings, Yours ever faithfully.

James Ewke.

P.S.—I am compelled to say some words about my allowance, as I learn it is here not sufficient. The life in Palestine is very expensive, lodging, clothes and shoes all cost more than in Prague I pay for my lodging alone more than $10 monthly.

The Immen Jews of the Holy Land

Show Us the Path, Lord!

Three men to Beth'lem once came from afar,
Through all their journey were led by a star,
Til, in a manger, they worshipped a babe,
Gold, and rare treasures, at His feet they laid.
Down through the ages at Jesus' command
Saints, since have followed as led by His hand;
Never deserted or walking alone,
Lo—I am with thee, I care for My own.
'Gainst all the darkness of Satan we fight,
Fast growing darkness precedes coming night;
Harvest to follow when Christ comes again,
O'er all the earth in triumph to reign.
Show us the path, Lord, the way we should go,
Where, as we journey, what seed we shall sow;
Grant Spirit's guidance to bless what we do,
Some day to thank Thee for bringing us through.

CHORUS

Wonderful Saviour in Jesus I see,
From heaven's glory He came to save me;
On Calvary's cross my sins fully bore,
Soon I shall see Him, Him only adore.

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BY THE SPIRIT'S POWER

Bereza Kartuska

July 6, 1937.

Dear Dr. Hunter,

FIRST of all I want to thank you for your love, prayers and remembrance of me and for your sacrificial Christian work in Poland. By the grace of God and through your material help I have the opportunity to work for the Lord, to preach Christ who saves those who come to Him.

Having returned from the city of Wilejka where I had the blessed evangelistic meetings, I continue to work in Bereza Kartuska and the adjacent villages. Though I had some

difficulties with the police authorities in regard to the holding of the Gospel meetings in the new places because of the Russelites' and bolsheviks' activities, the Lord was with us and souls were converted.

In the village of Samuelowicze, where we have already five members of our church, a woman came to our meeting and heard the preaching of the Gospel for the first time in her life. Her heart was touched by the Word of God. She had a great desire to attend the Gospel meetings, but her mother-in-law, who was hating the believers, did not let her go, and was putting all kinds of obstacles in the way. It so happened that by Providence I met this outrageous woman on the country road and had a talk with her. The Holy Spirit enlightened her heart and from that time she began to love her daughter-in-law and did not hinder her in attending our meetings. On March 20 again I met this woman on the way while I was going from Bereza Kartuska to Korowszczyzna to hold the meeting. She begged me to come to her home and hold the meeting that her whole house and her neighbors may hear the preaching of the Word of God. Now her daughter-in-law has joined our church, being buried with the Lord in baptism. Thus the Holy Spirit is working in our land of Poland.

On May 5 we held a Gospel meeting in the village of Shilin, where a large crowd of people had gathered together to hear the Word of God. The house was filled and many more were on the outside. As it was the Russian Easter holiday we preached upon the resurrection of Christ. The people listened with great interest. When we closed the meeting not one soul moved. They wanted to learn more from the Word of God. I asked them what do they know about the passover, which they were celebrating then. Several voices were heard that the passover was the meal sanctified by the priest which they used for food during the passover week. Only a few of them who have been reading the New Testaments said that the passover was Christ crucified for us. So again we preached unto them about the real passover. And the meeting was closed after midnight.

On the following morning we left Shilin for Stryhin. We walked about five miles to the river where there were two tiny canoes waiting for us. When four of us (including the oarsman) entered the canoe it nearly sank into the water. The edge of the canoe was less than an inch above the water. By the providence of God we were carried on for about a mile to the other shore. There we were met by hundreds of people who came from near and far and were waiting for us. There we feasted on fresh manna all day. And as the result of these meetings on June 13 ten souls were baptized at this place.

Once more I thank you, for your love and help in my work for the Lord. May the Lord give strength and joy and reward you abundantly in your ministry of saving precious souls.

Your least brother in Christ's love.

Ign. Wladyniuk

THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY of AUSTRIA

Wien, Dec. 1937

25 years ago, Pastor M. Monsky answered the call of God, gave up his church at Krems, where he had been pastor and founded the Evangelical Society of Austria, the "Folks Mission", as we call it. He said with Wichern: "If the people do not come to the church, the church has to go to them". And now it is 25 years since the work is in existence. The Lord has carried it through in spite of need and crisis and difficulties of many kinds.

We came together at a conference and had a blessed time. October 29 the sisters and missionaries of the different out-posts arrived at Wien and met at a workers' meeting. In the afternoon the new election of the directors and members of the Board took place. The Board consists of ten men. Senior Saul of the Deaconess Home at Gallneukirchen is one of the oldest members of the board and Pastor Jaquemar D. was newly elected, Pastor M. Monsky is Generalsekretary as before.

Sunday the 30th the conference opened at 9 o'clock with a prayer and praise meeting. At 10 Senior Saul spoke on II. Kor 4:6. After his inspiring message we celebrated the Lord's Supper. The Lord was in our midst. In the afternoon Senior Saul spoke on "Assurance of Salvation", a theme so much needed here in this catholic country where it is the general belief that people have to die and go to purgatory before they can know if they are saved. In the evening our missionary in Graz, Mr. Fischer, brought the message.

The next day was very full, too. The message from Rev. Jaquemar D.D. was very interesting and helpful on the "Priesthood of the Believer," our duty toward the world and those outside of the church. Pastor Monsky spoke in the afternoon of his own salvation and of his service for the Lord in Austria during 36 years, 25 of which were spent in the service of the Evangelical Society.

Nov. 3rd the conference came to a close with a praise, thanks and testimony meeting. It was a blessed time where we drew nearer together and consecrated our lives anew to faithful, earnest service for the Lord. The workers of the out-posts had to leave already Nov. 3rd to make use of the reduced week-end tickets. We all had lunch together, united once more in singing inspiring songs and Prayer, joined hands in the vow of brotherly love, went to the station and then dispersed, each one taking the train that would bring him back to his place of labor that God has entrusted to him.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for he is faithful that promised.) *Hebrew 10:23*

"He Never Heard The Gospel News"

BY JOHN GONAK (*Poland*)

Bustino, Czechoslovakia.

Dear Friends:—

ENCLOSED you will find Brother Gonak's report. We are very glad to say that this brother makes a good helper in the work here. We pray that the Lord would lay it on some heart to help him a little more, for five dollars a month is a very small sum. We would appreciate it very much if that Sunday School class which helps him with this sum could raise a little more this coming year. Or perhaps some other Sunday School would gladly join them, and it would encourage Brother Gonak so much. When you have an opportunity please say a word about him to those friends. We thank them very much for the help they gave him last year. May the Lord bless them richly. We are very busy now preparing for the Christmas holiday.

JOHN KOVALCHUK.

Carpathian Russia, Dec. 1.

Dear Friends:—

SOME time ago I went to the city of Mukachevo, where there was a great weekly market. Usually at such a time there are thousands of people coming from different towns and villages around this city. It gives an unusual opportunity to talk to them and to give away spiritual literature.

I stopped at the place where different fruits and vegetables were sold. There was a great crowd of people standing idle and talking. I joined them and soon began to tell them about our Lord Jesus Christ and how He calls men to Himself and saves them. Soon I was surrounded by eager listeners to what I had to say.

Then one man out of the crowd came closer to me and began to beg me to come to his home in a certain town and to tell him in detail concerning Christ and His salvation. He never heard before the Gospel news and he would like to know all about it. I promised to visit him as soon as I had time.

I was very busy visiting other places and could not do it very soon, but the Lord helped me to fulfill my promise and I did visit him also. It was quite a long distance to that town from my home. Passing different towns and villages and meeting people on the way, I distributed many Gospels, good spiritual literature and also full New Testaments. Every one accepts very gladly. There were some who turned back, telling me that they could not read, but I explained to them what kind of literature it was and that it tells about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Then they stretched their hands forth, asking me to give them back and telling me that they have some one at home who can read and that he will read it for them.

Arriving in the town where I was invited and passing through the streets, I told the people of the Gospel meeting we were to have in a certain home. I noticed the great poverty of the people of this town. The houses were very small and primitive, with very small windows and looked very poor. The people were clothed poorly also.

I spend a few days here, holding meetings, conversations and private talks. The Lord blessed my service for Him richly, and now it becomes evident that the seed I had sown has brought forth good fruit. Thank God.

From this town I went to visit our believers and friends in different places along the Polish border. I intended to spend here a longer time, holding meetings, making home visits and distributing literature. But one night, after a fine blessed meeting in the town of Kamenitsa, I was tired and about eleven o'clock I went to sleep on the hay in the hay loft. While I was praying and thanking God for blessings of the past day and the fine meeting we had, and asking Him for a good rest, I heard a familiar voice calling my name outside.

I went out and found a brother who came from the town of Klichanovo looking for me. He told me the bad news that our sister in the Lord, Mrs. Helen Moshikova, a poor widow who had six children, had died of typhoid fever in a hospital in Mukachevo, and that I should come there immediately to bury her.

I was very sorry to hear this news, especially when I thought of those six children that were left by her. Just before I started on my missionary tour I took this sister to a hospital in Mukachevo, hoping that she would recover.

So the next morning I had to be in Mukachevo, which was about fifty miles distant from the place where I was. Instead of going to sleep in the hay, I went on my bicycle at night the entire distance, in order to be there the next morning. The road was bad and it took me almost the whole night to get there in time.

Many people attended the funeral service. Three other brethren, our co-workers, came to this service and took part in it. The Lord blessed the service richly and we hope that it will bring forth a good result in its time.

After this service I again went to different places, visiting and holding meetings and having conversations and distributing spiritual literature. The field here is very large but the workers are few. Please pray that the Lord will help us in evangelizing the people of this country.

Lately I have had thirteen meetings in seven towns, made thirteen visits in three different hospitals. I sold seven Bibles, 21 New Testaments and distributed several hundred booklets. Made 570 Kilometers on my bicycle. My expenses this month for different repairs on my wheel and buying some new parts amounted to about three dollars, not counting the other expenses which I had during my tourings.

The Lord Blessed The Work

By Konstanty Jaroszuk
(*Kamenets-Litovsk*)

"In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

Kamenetz-Litovsk, Nov. 11.

Dear Brethren:—

I received your letter of October 20, for which I cordially thank you. I thank my Lord that He has heard my prayer and that He has sent me through you the means for which I had such great need. Your gift reached me just at the time when the material need was the greatest. Oh! How wonderful! Ps. 50:51.

It is the Lord Himself who hastens to help us in our hardest times! I do thank my dear Lord, as well as all those who shared my burdens. May the Lord Himself reward them an hundred fold above all that they did unto me.

I mailed you my monthy report for the month of October last week. Now we are having Bible study for the Sunday School teachers, and in the evenings we are holding "awakening meetings" and also are giving Biblical instruction. Too bad that the weather is so very rainy; this keeps away some of the visitors. I firmly believe that toward the end of the week the Lord will undertake for us. I will give you more details in my next monthly report.

The Lord helped me in one month to visit twenty-seven Russians, eleven Polish, and twenty-six Jewish families. I was also preaching on night occasions and held your special evangelistic services. To accomplish the above I visited ten different places — I travelled on my bicycle one hundred sixty-two kilometers; on the bus, three hundred thirty, on the train two hundred thirty, on the street-car thirty and walked forty-two. Besides the above I received many calls at my home, and distributed a large amount of Christian literature, so that at present I have none left. Due to lack of means I am unable to secure any more.

On the fourth of July the Lord blessed the meeting which I conducted in the village of Trostianitsa, fifteen kilometers away. On the evening of the same day I conducted a meeting in Kaments-Litovsk.

On the eleventh of July we held a well-attended large meeting in the town of Kaments-Litovsk. We held the service from ten in the morning until twelve o'clock after which we went to the river for baptismal services. Four souls were brought to the Lord through immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Romans 6:36). After the baptismal services, the weather changed and there was a downpour of rain. We walked back to our church in this downpour, but our joy was not quenched, for we sang hymns and praised the Lord (Acts 8:39)

On the eighteenth of July from ten until twelve in the morning we held gospel meetings in Kaments-Litovsk. In the afternoon of the same day we held gospel meetings in Gori, where we had a special blessed time in the Lord. The people were so attached to the Word of God that they did not like to go

home after the services were ended. They asked us to come and see them again and bring to them more of the Word of God.

On the twenty-fifth of July we conducted large meetings in the village of Babichi. After the services, which were very successful, I visited many homes and Christian families.

I received an invitation to attend the congress of Slavonic Baptists preachers and missionaries to be held in the city of Warsaw, in Poland from the twenty-ninth of July until the first of August. At this congress delegates and representatives from different countries were present. Among the Americans present, was Dr. Gordon Palmer from the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia. All these Christian workers and laborers came together to praise His Name. (Acts 15:3-6). The Lord blessed the work and filled the hearts of everyone with joy. (Mathew 18:19).

I am receiving invitations from different places to come and visit them and give them the Word of God. To my great regret I cannot satisfy their desire because of my difficult financial standing. I am obliged to work part-time in order to support myself. I am especially sorry when I think of those who will soon be free from their work in the fields and will have more time to listen to the Word. But I cannot go to them at this time because of lack of finances.

I pray that the Lord will open the way so that I may be able to give all my time for His work. I am asking you humbly to pray for me that the Lord may take care of my needs which are for His cause. With heartily brotherly greetings, Yours in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Missionay Life Day by Day

By Fred Stettler
(*Poland*)

Plock, Poland, Dec. 23.

Dear Brother Smith:—

WE should like to thank you for your letter of December 8th and for the remittance. We shall gladly try to send you as regularly as possible a report of the work and also a picture now and then. We shall gladly do our best, but about once in two years it were very profitable if a friend from across the ocean would come over and have a look for himself. The most interesting missionary news tends to become an every-day occurrence to those on the field, but an outsider looks upon the work here with very different eyes than we who have toiled in it for the last ten years.

We have just returned from several prayer and Bible weeks. By the efforts the people make and by the distance they come through every kind of weather we may conclude that there is yet real hunger and thirst for the Gospel. In the series of evangelistic meetings we found folks that throughout the years of Christian meetings had never come. Now they seem to be very much interested in the Gospel of Christ.

It is now ten years that we labor in Poland. Throughout these ten years we have regularly visited more than forty different towns and villages annually. From year to year we were permitted to hold an average of 300 and more meetings of every kind. What a privilege to have fellowship with Him and His saints and know that we are not serving systems of denominational interests nor mere human agencies but Him whom to know is life eternal. Although not all men "have faith" yet we find that anywhere and everywhere there are some who willingly and glady give ear to the blessed Gospel of Christ who will go with him all the way.

In spite of the fact that eastern Europe is full of Roman Catholic and Russian Orthodox millions it must be stated that they neither have nor know the most elementary principles of the Holy Scriptures or of eternal life as it is in Christ Jesus, our blessed Lord. It is estimated that the various missions and denominations who have labored in Poland together may have a constituency of some 30-60000 members most of which have been won to Christ within the last 15-20 years. The particular branch of believers among whom we labored for the last 10 years is a most difficult work, as it is spread over a region of some 1000 kilometers.

We have a constant battle building up meetings. Every time we think it is going remarkably forward we find out that some of the best families have left again overseas. Thousands upon thousands have left within the past years for the Argentines, Brazil, Canada etc. You would find in these various States whole regions with believers that have been saved over here and then emigrated. Thus we are forced to be an ever aggressive evangelistic movement and are constantly wrestling with problems that really can only be found in a very young work.

The financial support of the native Christian worker is so pitifully small that the work suffers greatly. They are expected to live on 5 to 7 dollars a month and defray their own travelling expenses. One of them has already applied for emigration to Canada because he can no longer exist with his family. One seeks a position in secular work and a number of younger workers we have lost out to other denominations because we simply could not help them in their financial support. Several of our best young men with gifts who have been the hopes for the future have in mind to leave also for overseas. Of course, God can use them there and of some who have gone forth we have news that the Lord uses them there mightily in the salvation of souls and the service of the saints.

As A Child He Loved The Lord

This college man, with B. A. and M. A. Degrees will preach the Gospel.

Vasil Angeloff at College

Wheaton College
Wheaton, Ill.
Dec. 29, 1937

Dear Friends in the Lord:

WITH a great joy and thankfulness in my heart I avail myself of the opportunity to tell you of my background and to give a brief testimony of God's saving grace and call to serve Him.

I am the oldest child of a family of five. There was born after me a younger sister, and also a brother, who since my coming to the United States went to be with the Lord.

My father, a converted Greek Orthodox, has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ since 22 years of age. Mother is the daughter of a poor peasant who received the Lord after Dr. Clark, one of the first American missionaries to Bulgaria, had told him the good news of salvation through the shed blood of the Son of God. Both my parents are Christians of the type that today are classified as old fashioned. Regarding the Bible they believe that it is the very Word of God. Regarding salvation, they believe and preach that it is a gift of God, given to whomsoever believeth in His Son.

Having such parents, you can readily see that in my childhood I was fed on the sincere milk of the Word. In this connection I am reminded of an experience which I believe will interest you and will show you how in the past the Lord has used our family to make the Gospel known to others. It was when I was in the grade school. One morning the whole class requested the teacher to permit me to tell them the fine story that I had told to a few. Then I told them the story about Joseph. You should have seen how these children listened with open mouths to the wonderful stories of the Bible. After the story was finished, I told them the following application which my mother had told me as a part of the story: We would also have perished, as the brothers of Joseph would have, without Joseph, if the Lord Jesus had not come to this world and died on the cross that every one who believeth in Him should not perish.

As a child, though as a mouth piece of my mother, the Lord used me to proclaim the life-giving message. But very early (13 years old) I had to go away from this wholesome Christian atmosphere at home to seek an education, and it was in the educational institutions of the world where I lost my most precious possession—the child-like faith.

Years passed; I had grown some in stature and had accumulated some knowledge, perhaps the best that the world can offer to a youngster, but my soul had been impoverished and starved to death. In the fall of 1930 when I entered the University I was "dead in trespasses and sins," and was a "natural man (who) receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor.2:14).

Thanks be to the Lord, that while we deny and reject Him, He never gives us up, for "He is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," and to that end through the blesssed Holy Spirit He works in our hearts.

One evening while wandering on the streets of Sofia one of the group in whose company I was bought a newspaper. On the last page I noticed an announcement of revival meetings in a certain Church. At once I felt an urge to go there. Disregarding what my friends might say, I left them and went to the Church, where for the first time since I left home I heard a clear gospel message. That evening as I heard the life-giving message, the blessed Holy Spirit convicted me of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. After some time of resistance, I realized that I was fighting the Eternal God, and frightened as the apostles in the **stormy sea, I cried, "Lord, save me for I** perish!"

The Lord, having given me salvation glorious and free, spoke to my heart and made it clear and plain, that He wanted me, as in childhood, to be His ambasador and tell others of His salvation that can be obtained without money and without price.

Having yielded myself to His will, the Lord took me by His own hand and led me through obstacles which seemed to me as great a miracle as the separation of the waters of the Red Sea for the Israelites to go through. He brought me to this country to be trained for the glorious ministry for which He has called me.

By His help, for I can not explain otherwise how I could do it, in six years I finished the regular course and completed the work for the master's degree in the Dallas Theological Seminary, and also graduated from Wheaton College with B.A. Indeed, this privilege to attend these two institutions—where the written and the Living Word are magnified above everything else, and where the Blessed Hope of His return is not just a theory but an event which is expected to happen any moment,—is a blessing above anything that I might have even thought to ask for.

Now after six years of feasting on the Word of the living God the time has come for me to return to Bulgaria, to share its blessings with the Christians, and to proclaim to those who remain in the valley of the shadow of death the gospel of Jesus Christ, which gives life to the soul and is light to one's feet.

The field to which I am going is full of hardships and difficulties, but has not the Lord warned us this is what we will find in the world? (John 16:1-3). But in spite of the difficulties and dangers in the world we will fear not, for the Lord is our strength. Has he not promised that He never will leave us nor forsake us?

My sincere prayer is that I may ever be found faithful and true in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, that at the end of my life I may be able to say with the apostle Paul; "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (II Tim. 4:7).

The greatest need of Bulgaria today is the Lord Jesus Christ and the Open Bible. After she receives that, all other things will be added to her. Will you pray with us for the Lord's work in Europe in general, on the Balkans and especially in Bulgaria. As soon as the Lord provides the way, I desire to return there, that I may give all my time and put all my energy in His Work. Having the language, I can begin to serve in this field at once, and there is immediate need for every worker who is able and willing to serve the Lord.

VASIL G. ANGELOFF

Vasil Angeloff at Home

Three Hebrews Find Messiah

BY RUDOLPH MILLER

(*Poland*)

Warsaw, Poland
December 9, 1937

Rev. George W. Hunter
Beloved Brother in Our Lord Christ Jesus:

WE have much to be thankful for to our Blessed Saviour for the many privileges He gives us in being a witness to the riches that are in Christ Jesus, Our Lord. And you and our many prayer partners by your prayers have a share in three precious souls who gave their hearts to our Blessed Redeemer last week.

One, a Jewish young man about twenty years of age; another a Jewish young man age

eighteen years or so, and a Jewish woman about thirty years of age. These have been coming up to the meetings but a few weeks during the time that Miss Christoffersen has been confined in bed. I would like to tell you how they came to know the Lord. Even though I shall make it brief the Lord will be able to take much glory unto Himself.

The first one would make a marvelous testimony of the power of the Written Word. But a year ago this fellow was dressed in the orthodox dress with long coat, skull hat, beard and the curls on the sides of his face. How antagonistic he was the first time he heard the truth, how he fought for two solid hours, bringing forth all that the rabbis taught him in Hebrew, hurling it against illiterate me.

The sore spot was soon discovered to be Satan. He did not believe there was a Satan. And the more he fought, the more I concentrated on the sore spot. He really got a "Wholloping" in his sore spot. We just wrangled around in Genesis 1 and Genesis 3. It would take too long to tell how he went home that night, the muscles of his face twitching continuously. Truly this was a desperate battle.

He came several times later and on one occasion was beaten up by some Polish thugs, his eyes and face bruised, and his eye-glasses broken and was confined to bed for several days, but he had to come in spite of all this. I offered to get him a Hebrew Old Testament if he would read it and he rejoiced when I had it for him on his next visit.

One evening during the song service I noticed he was singing the hymns with great joy and beating time with the song book against the table. I later told my wife that this young man was "hooked". Monday of last week he professed Christ to my wife and said he believed three weeks after our tussle the first night.

The second young man mentioned came to the meeting the same night that the first young man professed Christ. It was his first visit; he had been contacted by Mrs. Miller with a tract on the street. After the lesson, he asked me to explain the tract, which was on the ninth chapter of Daniel. We soon went to the fact that he was a sinner in God's sight and without a sacrifice. The Lord spoke to him in a real way and his eyes showed how scared he was when I explained to him what it would mean if he were to die that very night. And when I told him of how one can be saved in Christ Jesus he pleaded with me to tell him when that would be for him.

I told him that if he meant business, God was ready that very moment. Mrs. Miller asked if he believed what was written in Romans 10: 9,10. Soon he was down on his knees thanking God for sending him to this place and for what he had learned.

This fellow has been going to missions here in Warsaw for some time, but no one ever told him that he was a sinner and in need of a Saviour. He said they did not have such books to read (meaning the Bibles). Our lessons may not be very eloquent, but every person sits at the table with a Bible in Yiddish, Polish, German or Hebrew and is asked to read the verses during the lesson. This young man has not missed a single night since his profession of faith, and comes early that he may study for four or five hours each evening.

The third — a Jewish woman. She and her husband were contacted by the tract distribution of Mrs. Miller. And they, too, have been coming up for every night for three and four hours each night. The night the two young men professed Mrs. Miller tried to press this lady for a profession of faith.

Two days later (Wednesday) I was giving a lesson on the two advents of our Lord Jesus Christ. My key verse was II Cor 8: 9. As usual many verses were read in the different languages.

And as she was reading Rev. 1:18, she suddenly gasped; her hand went to her heart, as she let out an "oy". Her face fairly glowed. Mrs. Miller sitting across the table from her said, "You believe?" and she said in a startled voice, "Yes" and gave her hand on it.

She remembers not only the verse but the very words, for before I had her read the verse, I was telling the group how the same hands which were nailed to the cross in His first coming will hold the keys of hell and death in His second coming, and when she read "and have the keys of hell and death" she became a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Pray for the salvation of her husband. They would make a fine couple in the Lord's vineyard. He reads Polish, Yiddish, and Hebrew. She reads Yiddish, Polish, Russian and some English and they are a very fine couple.

We have suggested a mid-day Bible Class for believers each day with a hot meal. Miss Christoffersen is now arranging for me to conduct such a class five days a week, starting about the first week in January. This will be in addition to our regular meetings. We have a meeting every day, Saturday and Sunday included. Reading from four to seven, and Bible lesson until 8:30 or 9 p.m.

Mrs. Miller goes daily into the Ghetto alone, distributing tracts and gospels. And I too, have been going about alone the entire three months that we are in Warsaw doing visitation.

Your suggestion of going to Bustino has been prayed over and it does seem the Lord's will for us to go there. However, we shall wait until we are certain, and if He wants us in Bustino, we are ready and willing to go. Whether it Be Boston or Bustino it is all alike to us. Boston starts with the Letter "B" and so does Bustino. Or if we are to BE here in Warsaw, that, too, would be a great privilege.

Pray for the health of Miss Christoffersen, Karl and little Marcha. The Lord bless and keep you and yours.

A Saint Called Home

By Dimitri Mysuik

Kmiczyn, June 30, 1937.

Dear Brothers in the Lord,

"Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

I have received your letter and the support. Really, I do not know how to thank you for your care and love toward me and interest in this Christian work. Your support will relieve me much from my physical labour and will give me freedom to do more work for my Master.

Here I want to bring the story of the life and death of one member of our church. She was an elderly woman. She accepted the Lord in 1930. Her husband severely persecuted her for her new faith. Many times he had beaten her; many times she locked the door and did not let her in so she had to stay outside the house for a whole night. Very often she was hungry and cold. Though she worked hard, her husband and her only daughter took everything away from her. She was shedding many tears while passing through the severe suffering. But her countenance brightened with the great love to God. She loved to work for Christ. She visited the homes, she went into the streets and market places, and in every place she testified of her Lord to everybody. Even she preached Christ to judges, lawyers, and priests.

The learned people were surprised that she, being illiterate, could so preach Christ and argue from the Scriptures. She had a good memory and knew the Scriptures and many Gospel songs by heart. She always attended the meetings and looked that the Prayer House should be clean and everything in order. She tried to take care of the visitors and encouraged the members to give to the cause of Christ. She was the heart of the church.

Having passed through such hardships in life, at last she became ill. She went from Kmichyn to the village of Posadow to stay with her only daughter who was recently given in marriage. She begged her husband and daughter and her unbelieving brothers that when she shall depart to her Lord they should call her new brothers and sisters in Christ to bury her body. Her wish was fulfilled. On April 29 we were called to administer a funeral service.

It was fine weather. We carried the body on our shoulders through the whole village by a slow procession, singing Gospel hymns and stopping at certain places to read the Word of God. Thus we reached the cemetery. On the way and in the cemetery six short messages were delivered to the multitudes of people. We showed from the Bible the life and death of many men and women of God. It was the first Protestant funeral in this village. Therefore many people came to witness it. There was great veneration of the Word of God. Tears were shed by everybody.

When we were returning from the cemetery her husband and her unbelieving brothers said: "We have accepted the Word of God which we heard today and we will follow in her footsteps after her Master whom she loved so much and suffered for." The Word of God and the right-lived Christian life have power even in this wicked age.

For the first six months of this year by the sustaining grace of God I held over one hundred and sixty Gospel and evangelistic meetings, at which thousands of people heard the preaching of the Word of God. We are preaching the Gospel mostly to the Greek Catholic people, who call themselves Christians. And it takes a long time before many of them can distinguish between the traditions of the Russian Orthodox or the Greek Catholic Church and the truth of God's Word. But some of them are soon enlightened by the Holy Spirit and accept the Lord

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Except The Lord Build The House

By W. Gielec
(*Poland*)

Luninec, Nov. 11.

Dear Brethren:—

This is the story of an unfinished place of worship, about which I pray that you may be interested. It makes me think of the way in which Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arabian and "the rest of our enemies" hindered the building of the Jerusalem wall when Nehemiah strove to build again the city he loved. (Nehemiah 6:1).

Soon after the World War the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ had reached even our poor people in Polesie, who certainly were sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. In 1926 two women of the town of Lachwa, in our district of Luniniec, heard the Gospel in our service in Luniniec and gave themselves to Christ. Since that time the Word of God has spread in the town and all around the outside. In June, 1928, Brother John Kovalchuk, laboring there, had baptized seventeen souls, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour. The number of believers were multiplying every year.

The private homes where our services were held were too small for the crowds which were so eager to hear the Gospel of Salvation. This made us think of building a Prayer Hall in the town of Lachwa, and in 1930 we decided to start collecting money for this purpose. The Lord opened the hearts of His children here, and they have done all they could. One poor brother had nothing else to give, and so he sold his only cow and gave the money for the Prayer Hall.

Soon the lot was purchased on which to build the hall. The beginning was good and promising and everything was going along fine. But the enemies of the Lord's work became very envious and began to do all they could to hinder the work or cause it to cease. As a result of their efforts we received the hardest blow of all, an order given by the district head to Brother Kovalchuk to leave the country. The work which was progressing so nicely in all our region under his wise leadership suffered much under this order of removal.

When Brother Kovalchuk left us our church in Luniniec and its region passed through a serious crisis. Then the financial depression came. The people were starving. Nevertheless, in spite of all those hardships and difficulties, the believers of Lachwa did not lose their faith in the building of a Prayer Hall. During that hard time they had purchased some how a lot of building material for the hall, and then they unanimously started to build.

In spite of poverty and different hardships, the walls of the building were growing steadily. Sometimes the brethren who worked on the building went the whole day without food, but the Lord wonderfully helped and the work was continued with great rejoicing and gratitude to God.

Seeing all this success, the enemy again lost his patience, in the person of the Greek Orthodox priest of Lachwa. He had written an appeal to the provincial government asking them to stop our work, telling that we were not quite in accord with certain laws and that we had no proper permission to build such a hall, etc. Soon our work was again stopped temporarily.

In January, 1934, in spite of difficulties and obstacles from the enemy, with faith in God we again resumed the work. The Lord helped us wonderfully. The carpentry work was done and set to place in the hall, which made it look beautiful. Every year has added something to our hall, and how we wish it was finished! We need about $150 to complete it. It is altogether impossible to collect this sum at present among the members of our poor congregation at Lachwa.

This building will be dedicated to His glory and used for the salvation of many souls. We are so sure of that result that we pray the Lord to hear our humble prayers and to speak to some heart to help us and thus have a part in spreading the saving Gospel among our people who live in the poorest part of Poland — Polesie. We ask you to send the gifts to the *American European Fellowship.*

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